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STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL ISSUES FUNDS FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF

CITIES AND COUNTIES WILL SHARE NEARLY \$30 MILLION

Sacramento, October 10, 2001 – State Controller Kathleen Connell today issued payments to cities and counties throughout California from the State's Traffic Congestion Relief Fund, under AB 438 (2001).

"Traffic is a major problem in California's metropolitan areas, and I am pleased to be distributing these funds, which will help keep our roads and freeways running smoothly," said Controller Connell.

This year's total disbursement is estimated to be \$171 million. Payments will be made quarterly with the first quarter distribution as follows:

Counties:	\$14,949,000
Cities:	\$14,949,000
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Total:	\$29,898,000

The law specifies that 50% of the total funds are distributed among counties according to the number of registered vehicles and the total miles of maintained county roads. The remaining 50% is divided among cities. The funds may be used only for street and highway maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and storm damage repair, as defined by the legislation.

The breakdown of payments to individual cities and counties is available on the State Controller's web site at www.sco.ca.gov. Click on State/Local Government, then select Local Government, then Apportionments. Scroll down to payments and click on Traffic Congestion Relief Program.

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